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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7336**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1688

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 15, 2007

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Lake Superior Court County Division Jurisdiction.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Frizzell

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill provides that the county division of the Lake Superior Court has jurisdiction in: (1) civil cases founded on contract or tort in which the debt or damage claimed is not more than \$25,000 per plaintiff instead of not more than \$10,000 of debt or damage claimed; and (2) actions for the possession of property where the value of the property sought to be recovered is not more than \$25,000 per plaintiff instead of not more than \$10,000 of property value sought to be recovered.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2007.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** The county division of the Lake Superior Courts consist of four courts. Their jurisdiction essentially consists of small claims cases, misdemeanors, infractions, and Class D felonies. Depending on the agreements of the courts, this bill could permit filings in Lake County Courts to be distributed among Lake County's 17 courts.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Lake Superior Courts.

**Information Sources:** *Indiana Judicial Report 2005.*

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